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BANQUET IN BEIJING

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE TOAST (AS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY) GIVEN BY UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER M. HAIG AT THE WELCOMING BANQUET HOSTED BY CHINESE VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 14, 1981, AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE IN BEIJING:

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MR. VICE PREMIER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

YOUR GRACIOUS AND ELOQUENT REMARKS HAVE MADE ME

FEEL TRULY WELCOME.

ON BEHALF OF MY ENTIRE DELEGATION, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, UNIQUE IN ALL THE WORLD.

NEARLY TEN YEARS AGO, IT WAS MY PLEASURE TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AND I AM PROUD TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE HISTORIC RENEWAL OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. OUR RAPPROACHEMENT WAS BASED ON STRONGLY HELD NATIONAL INTERSTS AND THE INTERVENING YEARS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT JUDGMENT. CONTACTS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS HAVE GROWN; FRIENDSHIP HAS FLOWERED; AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE HAS BEEN SERVED. OUR RELATIONS ARE NOW FIRMLY BASED ON THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE THAT NORMALIZED OUR DIPLOMATIC TIES.

FOUR AMERICAN PRESIDENTS -- INCLUDING PRESIDENT REAGAN -- HAVE ATTACHED THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT. OUR COOPERATION SERVES OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS: IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PEACE AND STABILITY, NOT ONLY IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION BUT ALSO TO THE WORLD. I HAVE COME TO CHINA IN RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT.

CHINESE-AMERICAN COOPERATION IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT TODAY, WHEN WE CONFRONT SERIOUS THREATS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO PEACE AND TRANQUILITY, YOUR STATESMEN HAVE BEEN WARNING OF THE DANGERS OF AGGRESSION FOR SOME TIME. YOU HAVE LONG ARGUED FOR CONCERTED ACTION TO PREVENT SUCH DANGERS.

PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES, WORKING WITH ITS ALLIES AND FRIENDS, WILL ACT WITH COURAGE AND CONSISTENCY TO RESIST AGGRESSION. IN THIS EFFORT, THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS CHINA TO BE A CLOSE AND VALUED FRIEND. OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE PARALLEL IN MANY RESPECTS; OUR POLICIES CAN OFTEN COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. WE REGARD CHINA'S STRENGTH, SECURITY AND WELL-BEING AS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE GLOBAL BALANCE THAT IS THE BASIS FOR OUR OWN SECURITY.

THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO THE STEADY STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONS. IT WAS MY HONOR TODAY, MR. VICE PREMIER, TO EXPLORE WITH YOU WAYS TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, BOTH WITH YOU AND OTHER CHINESE LEADERS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I PROPOSE A TOAST:

- TO THE HEALTH OF CHINA'S LEADERS;
- -- TO YOUR HEALTH, MR. VICE PREMIER; AND
- TO GROWING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PEOPLES AND GOVERNMENTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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